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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include a change to Fig. 2 in the Replacement Sheet which the pneumatic /hydraulic system 40 is additionally illustrated. The New Sheet includes new Figs. 4a and 4b.

Attachments: 1 Replacement Sheet

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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 20 are pending in this application.

Objection to the Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). In particular the Office Action states that features of claims 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 15 must be shown.

The replacement sheet appended hereto includes an amendment to Fig. 2 which additionally shows hydraulic/pneumatic system 40 for raising or lowering the subassemblies 38 and 30.

The New Sheet includes added Figs. 4a and 4b which schematically illustrate a construction equipment carrier or construction container 42, and a cable drum system 44, coupled to the front subassembly 28 and the rear subassembly 30.

It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification

Amendments are made to the specification to conform to the amendments to the drawings.

It should be noted that amendments to specification had been made in the Preliminary Amendment dated April 21, 2004. The changes are not reflected in corresponding U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0265105. The Examiner is requested to confirm that said amendments have been entered.

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Objection to the Claims and Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 2, 5 and 12 are objected to for informalities set forth in paragraph 2 of the Office Action, with Claim 5 rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. These and other informalities have been cured by the amendments herein.

The Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Weir U.S. Patent No. 4,262,923. Weir is directed to multi-purpose, over the highway trailer arrangements.

Claim 1 is amended herein to additionally recite that the front assembly 20 has a first locking unit 18 positioned on a rear end of the front assembly 20 for joining to a first end of a construction machine 12 or an intermediate part 32, 34, and the rear assembly 22 has a second locking unit 16 positioned at the front end of the rear assembly 22 for joining to a second end of the construction machine 12 or the intermediate part 32, 34. The construction machine itself 12 or the intermediate part 32, 34 joined together with the front 20 and rear 22 assemblies provide a *single transportation unit*. (Reference is being made to preferred embodiments of the present invention illustrated in the drawings of the present invention.)

The trailer arrangements of Weir include fifth wheel structures 40, saddles 49 and brackets 51 positioned *on top of* the corresponding to gooseneck structure or vessel (e.g. tank 53). However, Weir does *not* disclose or suggest a system wherein the front assembly has a locking unit positioned on a rear end *and* the rear subassembly has a locking unit positioned on the front end, in a single transportation unit.

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Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 1 as amended, and all claims depending therefrom, are submitted to be allowable over Weir.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 4-5, 13-15 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Weir in view of Evans U.S. Patent No. 6,663,131. Evans is cited for disclosing a dolly for towing disabled trailers wherein the dolly's subassembly can be raised or lowered so that the unit may be coupled or locked with another unit.

Evans does not cure the deficiencies of Weir as described above. Accordingly, since independent claim 1 is submitted to be allowable, claims 4-5, 13-15 and 18-20, which depend from claim 1, are also submitted to be allowable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

The remaining art of record has not been applied against the claims and will not be commented upon further.

Receipt of Certified Copy of Priority Document

Enclosed is a copy of a confirming postcard evidencing receipt of the certified copy of the priority document by the Patent and Trademark Office on September 1, 2004. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested receipt of the certified copy be acknowledged upon the next official communication from the Patent and Trademark Office.

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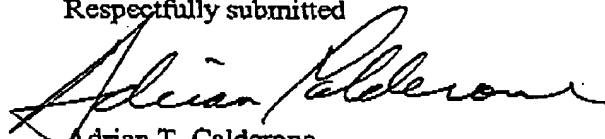
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CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons stated above all of the pending claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance, the same being respectfully requested. A Petition for an automatic two month extension of time for response under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is enclosed in triplicate together with the requisite petition form.

Respectfully submitted



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